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Serving up spaghetti and smiles

Elk Point 4-H Beef Club served up heaping helpings of spaghetti, meatballs, salad and all the trimmings to a sellout crowd at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre on Thursday, Feb. 12. Senior and intermediate members did the serving, while the younger members circled around the room with pitchers of juice and later helped to clear tables and parents and leaders did the cooking and carried in tray after tray of mouth-watering desserts.

Rural Crime Watch: same executive, less meetings

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch held its Annual General Meeting last Thursday in St. Paul, with the 2014 executive returned to their posts for another year, but a decrease in the frequency of meetings.

President Orest Sereda reported on the past year "full of challenges and a learning experience for me. I'll be the first to admit that I'm not a technical person with respect to computers, but I've tried my best to keep the organization informed." That wasn't easy, he noted, with the telephone fan-out system not working for several months due to renovations at the St. Paul RCMP Detachment. "However, through the local newspapers, we have been able to announce our meetings."

Sereda praised the RCMP on behalf of the organization. "We give credit to the members of the two police detachments in this county who have a tremendous task of serving us 24/7, despite being short staffed. Their role is vital in protecting those of us in the rural area, but we must also do our part in being their 'eyes and ears'."

He also praised the members who help at bingos, parades, information nights and the St. Paul Rodeo supper, as well as all who have been taking an active interest in the GLRCW meetings.

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FGM urges Elk Point to 'Stand Up' with random acts of kindness, **Pink Day**

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

F. G. Miller High School is standing up against bullying in a big way and encouraging the community at large to perform random acts of kindness this week, with everyone across the area urged to wear pink on Wednesday, Feb. 25 in support of the Canada-wide Anti-Bullying Day.

Every year for the past five, FGM and its Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy (P.U.P) Group have come up with new ways to recognize "Pink Day." Last year, even though their

initial plans were derailed by extreme cold that shut down school buses, they had the wholehearted support of town council and numerous businesses whose staff dressed in the specially designed pink shirts, along with virtually all the students and staff who braved the cold to come and "Slam the Door on Bullying." The huge pep rally was held later when the weather improved, with everyone once again wearing pink to support the cause.

This year, the theme is "Stand Up" and that's what students, staff and community, including a majority dressed in pink, will be doing for one huge

group picture tomorrow afternoon in the school gym following a special presentation on "The Power of Kindness" by motivational speaker Bill Gordon, "The Grand Old PUP" whose message during his first visit in February, 2011 led the students to form their P.U.P group. The community is invited to attend the presentation, which begins at 12:30 p.m. and "will inspire and recharge your spirit," according to Sherry Bower-Gagne, P.U.P advisor. (Continued on Page 3)

"GRAND OLD PUP" Bill Gordon is shown with some of the first FGM P.U.Ps during his 2011 visit.



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Grade 6 students told a story that illustrated how a simple act of kindness by friends can impact not only the recipient but others near and far.

Public Notice To Electors of the Town of Elk Point



BY-LAW 732/15

SECTION 251- THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the council of The Town of Elk Point, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing By-Law 732/15 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by way of debenture issue, to pay for the construction of the Treated Water Reservoir.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts \$1,600,000.00. The net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debentures is \$1,600,000.00. The debentures are to be repayable to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation in ten (10) equal consecutive installments of combined principle and interest, the annual interest not to exceed eight per cent (8%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Elk Point that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-Law 732/15 demanded, provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing By-Law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. Copies of the proposed Bylaws and related documents may be obtained from:

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Information for Electors

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 223 and Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

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DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 24th day of February, 2015.

The bucket fillers of Elk Point Elementary

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Buckets filled to overflowing with the admirable qualities of sharing, smiling, helping, listening, kindness, taking turns, giving compliments, being polite and including others are found on eye-catching posters displayed in prominent locations at Elk Point Elementary School.

Mrs. Hlushak's Grade 6 students reinforced that message to their school-mates at the school's Feb. 9 assembly, when they showed a short video clip of a news story and followed up with their own take on the far-reaching effects that had resulted from the kindness the youngsters in the story showed to a friend.

"When doing acts of kindness, think about the ways some people need help to fill their buckets," the students noted as they introduced the video of two young boys who set up a lemonade stand to raise money to help with their

friend's surgery. The doctor who was to perform the operation heard about their efforts and was so impressed that he decided to donate his services, and the friend's parents passed on the money the boys had raised toward another child's surgery.

The Grade 6s then passed out book-marks to their school families, who were urged to pass the message of kindness on to the community.



Posters around the school remind students of the positive actions that they should take daily.

Rural Crime Watch

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That number is not large. Sereda feels that the association has had a strong core of Elk Point representation at past meetings and would like to expand this to the west and north of St. Paul to include the entire county, but to this point, they have had minimal response from those areas. A meeting we held in Mallaig in November, hoping to attract members from that area, attracted only one individual.

Sereda was reelected by acclamation, along with vice-resident Wray McCoy, secretary Lucy Weinmeier and treasurer Anna Leskiw making up the balance of the executive. Levina Ewasiuk, Lyn Young and Dolores Zacharuk were again appointed as directors.

Other reports at the AGM came from Dwayne Fleming of Fish and Wildlife and Cst. Andrew Devine of St. Paul RCMP.

Fleming urged all present to report suspi-

cious actions. "It doesn't have to be a crime," he said "Our patrols are based on reports of what's happening in the rural area, and my boss and our analysts also look at these reports to determine trends. Don't forget the small details." As an example, he told the members that a tip from a customs official that someone was bringing in deer salt from the US led to the apprehension of a supposed hunting guide who was defrauding would-be clients of a significant amount of money.

Cst. Devine hasn't been here long, but says he is getting a feel for the crime trends in St. Paul and Elk Point, which he feels will increase with the arrival of spring. "Be vigilant," he urged. "Little things, like suspicious vehicles, are important. If you're going on vacation, get a trusted friend check on your house, make tracks in your driveway and check for anything different." He volunteered

to be St. Paul's liaison to the Crime Watch group for the present time, and offered to help by referring people to join the organization.

Sereda's request for assistance in the tasks he has been taking care of for the organization got immediate response, with one of the directors agreeing to phone for bingo workers. Rural Crime Watch has seven bingos coming up in the 2015-16 season, which starts May 1. One of the projects to be financed with bingo revenue is the purchase of a tarp now under construction which will protect the Rural Crime Watch float both in storage and when it is being transported to and from parades.

After some discussion, the group decided to decrease the number of meetings per year to four, with meetings in April and November to be held in Elk Point and the September meeting and the February AGM to be in St. Paul.

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Radio and television personality Jimmy the Janitor had a parting handshake for each and every fan who attended the Valentine's Day show of his Love and Laughter Tour at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Love, laughter abound on Valentine's Day

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A capacity crowd from Elk Point and surrounding areas laughed until they cried on Valentine's Day when popular TV and radio comedian Jimmy the Janitor packed up his broom and dustpan to head west to the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on his Love and Laughter Tour, which also visited Lac al Biche and Athabasca that weekend.

Following an excellent dinner and a warm welcome from Allied Arts Society president Don Conrad, the jovial janitor bounded onstage with his orange cap tipped at a jaunty angle and bright orange gloves tucked into his serviceable blue coveralls, ready to regale his audience with a nonstop round of his adventures back on the east coast, all delivered in a broad Newfoundland accent.

It was Jimmy's second visit to Elk Point, and if possible, he was even funnier this time around.

Jimmy's family, from his girlfriend to his long-suffering mother, nutty aunts

and zany cousins, all were part of the evening's tales, as he hopped from subject to subject, covering every possible topic from the dire warnings that follow drug commercials to Speedo swimwear. He gave the latest eyewitness news, played a very little guitar and read a long and newsy letter from his mother, as well as quipping that "There's no work in the Maritimes - we got it all done" and telling a short and from one viewpoint, sweet Cape Breton love story.

Jimmy should know all about that, because unlike his stage accent, he's a native Cape Bretoner, now living on Prince Edward Island and retired after 25 years with the Maritime Broadcasting System to pursue his "funny business" as a comedian who is heard every evening on radio stations across Canada, including CFCW and who has made numerous appearances on CBC TV and the Comedy Network, starred in a TV series and a movie and performs at conferences and theatres at home and abroad.

Split vote on levy

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Although the Feb. 10 vote was split, County council approved the third reading of Bylaw No. 2015-01: Community Aggregate Levy Payment Bylaw, which allows for

FGM

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All week, from yesterday until Friday, is RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Week, Bower-Gagne and the P.U.P.s are challenging the community to "RAK it! Post it!" by sharing their stories and photos of random acts of kindness by emailing them to sherry.bower@spcrd.ca who "will post them on our Wall of Kindness and our events page."

Other events at the school included School Spirit Day yesterday, spirit games in the common area today and Thursday and a school dance coming up Friday night.

a levy to be imposed on all sand and gravel businesses operating in the municipality, to raise revenue to be used to acquire aggregate resources in the future.

The money collected from the levy will not go into general revenues, but will be held in a reserve account to be used to secure future gravel purchases for the county's use.

"Following recent comments by a lawyer at the Alberta Sand and Gravel Conference, Administration has sought clarification from Municipal Affairs regarding the ability of the County to only charge a levy for aggregate resources leaving the County. Municipal Affairs does not believe that the Regulation permits this, but acknowledged that legal interpretations may differ," reads the county's February agenda.

Coun. Glen Ockerman said he has heard concerns from gravel owners,

who question why they are going to be carrying responsibility to help the county secure future gravel resources.

In the bylaw, it states that a significant amount of aggregate resources are being transported outside the County of St. Paul, thereby depleting the county's resources.

"The council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 believes that it is necessary to dedicate specific financial resources to ensure that the county has the capacity to acquire an adequate supply of aggregate resources in the future for infrastructure maintenance," reads the bylaw.

A letter will now be sent out to all aggregate operators regarding the levy, which is \$0.25 per tonne of sand and gravel shipped.

Councillors Ockerman and Dwight Dach voted against the levy, while the rest of council voted in favour.

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Cocaine was first isolated as a chemical entity in 1855 but it had been used for thousands of years by South American native people who chewed the leaves of the coca plant that contained the drug. Medically it was originally used as an anaesthetic mainly in the eye but the discovery of its stimulating effects soon found it being used in tonics and health drinks in the 19th Century until its addictive qualities were discovered and its use in these products was banned.

The discovery of the microscope in the 1600s was a leap forward in medical science. It allowed scientists to see bacteria. Now, with the Nobel Prize being awarded in chemistry for the discovery of the fluorescent microscope, scientists are able to see inside an individual cell. This heralds the age of "nanoscopy" and will be very useful in discovering the causes of disease like Parkinsons, Huntingtons and Alzheimers.

Here's a hint when reading those nutritional labels on food products. Anything ending in "-ose" usually indicates a sugar of some type, like glucose. If a word ends in "-ase", it usually indicates an enzyme like protease.

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EDITORIAL

Be kind every week

This is Random Acts of Kindness Week, but just think how much better the world would be if everyone was kind every week all year round.

Of course this is a far-fetched idea. Obviously, those who are fighting for their particular causes are in no mood to be kind to anyone, anywhere, any time, but if kindness and understanding had prevailed in the first place, many of these battles could have been avoided.

In the interest of avoiding even more battles to come, maybe we could all do our part by being kind on an ongoing basis, starting right now.

People who are the benefactor of a random act of kindness may feel that this shows that they are not underappreciated, and that someone cares enough to do something nice for them. It could cause a whole attitude adjustment, and they might come out of their grumpy shell and do something nice for someone else. It's called the ripple effect, and it can do wonders.

The Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy at F. G. Miller are urging everyone to perform random acts of kindness this week, and to let them know what they've done and how it made the person who did the act of kindness feel to do it.

It would also be great if those who are recipients of the acts of kindness were to let the P.U.P know how the kindness of others made them feel. All those responses are being posted on a special wall, and it is hoped that they will fill the wall to overflowing.

If you are in the habit of doing nice things for others, this will be second nature to you. If you're not, this is a perfect week to give it a try - but beware - kindness can be habit-forming.

Here's a challenge for you - do something nice for someone - from holding open a door for someone with impaired mobility or carrying a small child or large package, to letting someone go ahead of you in the grocery store lineup, to inviting someone to join you for coffee, every day this week. You may find unexpected joy and satisfaction in helping others.

And, if you enjoy sewing, you may even want to go help the quilting ladies to add bindings to their charity quilts at the quilting bee on Thursday morning. Give Verona Lea a call at 724-4104 for more information.

Happy helping, everyone!



Good luck Elk Point 4-Hers at the District Public Speaking Competition

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WAY BACK WHEN...

New staff, beds retained, third generation president

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 24 IN...

1985

Four new employees, FCSS Director Marie Buck, Recreation Director Neil McMann, FCSS/Rec Department secretary Linda Piotrowski and Jack and Jill Playschool teacher Carolina Mayner joined the Town of Elk Point staff in February. Town council studied the possibility of funding a downtown spruce-up program in the downtown business district.

1990

New Chamber of Commerce president Millie Orr took over the reins with a busy agenda that included unsatisfactory cable television reception, numerous requests to business owners to sign forms from Social Services applicants making job searches and assigning members to the chamber's various committees. Town Coun. Allan Frankiw presented four briefs to the Northern Alberta Development Council, regarding the need for widening Highway 41 from Elk Point to the Highway 28 junction, the town's water supply problems, the need for an up-to-date impact assessment study, and the town's desire for a community services centre.

1995

Elk Point and surrounding areas heaved a huge sigh of relief when acute care and 24-hour emergency service were saved from elimination in the second draft of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's "blueprint for health delivery" in the region, which stated that while it would become a community health centre, it would retain 10 in-patient beds and the emergency service. Alberta's proposed Water Management and Conservation Act was the focus of the Elk Point Surface Rights Association meeting, with representatives of Alberta Environment and the Alberta Cattlemen's Association on hand to take part

in the discussion.

2000

United Pacific Resources introduced their Moose Hills - Kehewin development program, which would see close to 650 wells drilled by the end of 2003, at a total cost of over \$240 million. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce's first meeting with self-proclaimed "genial but wacky" president Eugene Buck was a refreshing change from most business meetings, with the new, third generation president proudly displaying his Grandfather McDonell's pocket watch, which he said "very well could have been at the chamber's very first meeting" in 1938.

2005

It looked like the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce would end the annual meeting without a president, but after five tries, Extravaganza chairman and former treasurer Sandy Smith was persuaded to take on the position, with Shirley Harms becoming vice president and Lesia Porcina the vacated treasurer's chair. Elk Point was headed toward a healthier future after Community Choosewell Challenge chairperson Mona McGinnis visited town council seeking support in promoting good nutrition and an active lifestyle

2010

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce had their first new vice president in three years and for the first time in recent history, held its first election vote to determine who would be the new treasurer, that position taken by Geoff Hyslop, who replaced Debra McQuinn as she moved up to vice president. Canada Day planning was underway, with committee members looking into the possibility of Canada flag banners or pennants to decorate the downtown light standards, and hoping to bring the community's youth back downtown during the afternoon with an outdoor teen bandstand at the pancake breakfast site.

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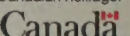
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Roller-coaster week for Avalanche teams

It's been a real emotional roller-coaster for the Peewee Avalanche the past 10 days. Starting on the Family Day weekend, Saturday afternoon at home they hosted Marwayne's Tier 1 team in provincial round robin. The underdogs winning that game by 8 to 3, giving them a five-goal lead in the series, the second game to be played in Marwayne the following Saturday. Our team plays in the Tier 2 league and were not favored to win against a tier one team, but they surprised at lot of people including myself and the Marwayne team and did win. Some more on that series in just a bit.

Then on this last Tuesday the team traveled to Mallaig to play in a best two-out-of-three game series for their league playoff; winning the first game in double

overtime, the team not getting home until midnight, with the kids having to go to school the next day. Mallaig has



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one of the best goalies in the whole league the boys fired over 100 shots on him putting only three past him.

Back here on Thursday night the Mallaig goalie bailed them out once again, the Avalanche peppered him with 67 shots, scored another three but lost; therefore tying the series at one game apiece, making it a one game, winner take all.

Now back to Marwayne for the second provincial game this past Saturday night with a five-goal lead that should

have been enough to finish them off and win the series. But as they say in baseball, it's never over until it's over, the same goes for hockey. Marwayne was much better prepared this time and played to their potential, overpowering our guys, winning this game by 6 goals and the series by one goal. So sad for our guys, but still we have to be proud of them for making it the third round of provincials and only losing by one goal overall against a tier one team who is always going to the provincial finals and are known around the northeast to be a powerhouse.

Emotions up and up, then down and down. Lots of cheers then lots of tears. And now the rest of the story....back to Mallaig on this past Sunday the Avalanche winning once again in overtime, team captain Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak scoring the winner, but it was a complete team effort and once again the boys are riding high, heading off to the next round of playoffs against Plamondon. And a big happy 13th birthday going out tomorrow to an unsung hero who never receives enough credit, defenseman "Hammering Hank" Rogal

The **Bantam Avalanche** had a super run at provincials as well; a week ago playing in Smoky Lake on a Thursday night they lost by one goal; then coming back home the following night they won in regulation by a goal which

tied the series, sending it into sudden death overtime and unfortunately the puck didn't bounce our way, the boys putting the pressure on in OT: in fact it looked like they may have scored in a big scrum in front of the opposition net, but not so, the puck coming back up to the other end of the rink and into the mesh, the Avalanche eliminated. Their season is over, but all the same we are extremely proud of our guys. This team had a terrific season, many of the players improved their skating, their shots are much harder, they are getting more physical and many of them are prepared to take that step up to midget next year. Rumor has it that the team manager Lori Poitras has already been recruiting midget aged players and working on a coaching staff, so I know it will be a go, there will be a midget team come next fall!

"He shoots he scores!!!!" Long legged Landon the "Magnificent Malachowski" skated lickety-split past the defense scoring his first goal ever on the Wednesday before the Family Day weekend in Mallaig. This may be his first goal, but I guarantee it won't be his last!

The playoffs for the **Atom** team started on

this past Sunday against the very same Mallaig team here at home, the Avalanche losing 7 to 5. Brady "Oscar" Hyman scoring his first goal of the season on a wide-open break away, he also assisted on a goal scored by Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion. The second game of the two game total point series is tonight in Mallaig.

The **Novice Avalanche** won on Saturday here at home against St. Paul. Cash "CC" Capjack, "King Kong Konnor" Poitras and the "Kid Kade" Fontaine scoring. Some nice fast end to end rushes by "Bo Diddley" Fontaine who also picked up an assist. Defenseman Brendon "Blue Line" Haesch-Baker is awesome skating backwards; he was helping to protect his goalie Kale Hoeving who came up big a number of times when the Canadiens came a-knocking on the door. Nice job of forechecking by the birthday boy Kady Bourne, and his little buddies "Cyclone Cole" Pierce and Gavin "Giver" Kadutski.

Mombo number five!!!! Five goals for number five, "King Kong Konnor" Poitras was on fire on Sunday at home, the only goal scorer for the Avalanche, when they

lost against a tier one Cold Lake team.

I went to the Oilers game on Friday night to watch the former Bonnyville Pontiac product Justin Fontaine; he scored two goals helping the Wild blank the Oilers 4 to 0. His mother is a friend of mine who works at B and R. and I have some of his autographed pictures in the office. Here's another guy just like the "Marksman" who was never drafted, is only 5 foot 10 inches tall and 175 lbs, played Jr. "A" in Bonnyville, then college hockey in the states and then eventually made it to the NHL. He also played baseball every summer just like the "Marksman" and proved it helps develops eye hand coordination, because both of his goals Friday night he picked out of mid air deflecting them past the Oiler goalie. So kids, here's more proof, that you should never give up on your dreams, and also sign up for ball this summer!

Now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any." Last week's answer to: "A champion hates to lose even more than she loves to win." - Chris Everet.

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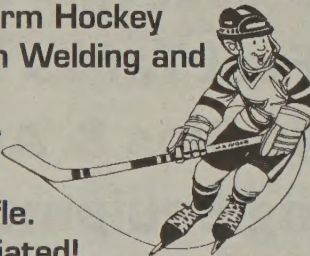
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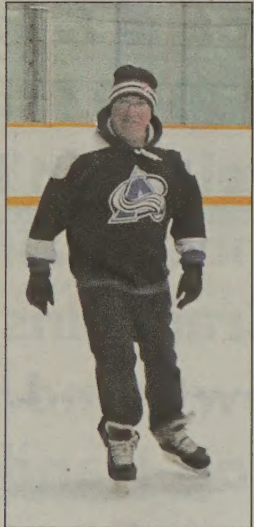
The Elk Point Peewee Girls Storm Hockey Team, would like to thank Hahn Welding and B+R Eckels for our Jersey's! Many thanks to Xtreme Power Products for our team jackets and the quad for our team raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated!



**Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills**

LAC LA BICHE-ST. PAUL-TWO HILLS
PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

The Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills PC Association is seeking nominations for individuals interested in becoming the candidate to represent the constituency and the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in the upcoming election. The nomination period to obtain information, complete the nomination papers, and pay the nomination fee will commence March 1st and will close at 5 pm on March 7th. The nomination meeting (if necessary) will be held on March 14th, 2015 at ST. PAUL ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (4925 49 Avenue, St. Paul) 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm; ELK POINT SENIORS' RECREATION CENTER (5010 - 48 Street, Elk Point) 11:00 am - 3:00 pm; TWO HILLS LIONS' GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB (45 Highway, Two Hills) 11:00 am - 3:00 pm; LAC LA BICHE - PARKLAND MOTEL II, 10810 101 Avenue, Lac la Biche) 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Voters shall be members in good standing of the PCAA, must ordinarily reside in Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, be a Canadian citizen, and be at least 14 years of age. When voting, members must show PCAA Membership card, and two (2) pieces of identification, at least one of which must be photo identification. The boundaries of Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills are as dictated on www.elections.ab.ca. Interested parties may obtain further information, sets of nomination papers and details of the nomination process from the Nomination Chairperson, Sam Georgsen at samantha.georgsen@gmail.com.



Sportshound Doug Bassett (left) was among a large crowd of skaters of all ages who enjoyed Family Day activities at the A. G. Ross Arena.

THE TOWN OF ELK POINT
Notices & Information



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Permit #	Location	Civic	Developer	Development	Decision
15-01	Lot 1, Block 41 Plan 0623707	5102-60 Avenue	Wise Custom Homes	New Residence	Feb 17/15
15-02	Lot 18, Block 41 Plan 0623707	5101-60 Avenue	Wise Custom Homes	New Residence	Feb 17/15

Any person claiming to be affected by the decision made by the Development Officer may appeal by writing a NOTICE OF APPEAL to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, Box 448, Elk Point, Alberta within 14 days from the first publication of this notice giving reasons for the appeal. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

Dated this 17th day of Feb. A.D., 2015 Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer

Family Day fun



Vicki Brooker photo

Everyone from first time skaters to grandparents was out on the ice at the A. G. Ross Arena on Family Day, Feb. 16 for an afternoon of fun. All that exercise worked up an appetite, but there were also plenty of non-skaters who came out to watch and to enjoy the free burgers, hot dogs and hot beverages provided by the Town of Elk Point and cooked up by town council and staff (left to right) Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich, Couns. Lorne Young, Bernice Capjack and Debra McQuinn, new Recreation Coordinator Jena Colbourne and volunteer Jeffrey Young. Not shown is town manager Myron Goyan, who was also part of the crew.



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MLS# E3400807 **\$405,000**



ACREAGE - STONEY LAKE AREA

19 acres of vacant land, well-treed, rolling hills, beautiful view of countryside, recreational acreage for hunting, quadding, skiing and sledding. ATV access directly to Stoney Lake, option for building site - 2 acres cleared.

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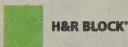
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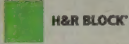
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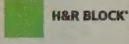
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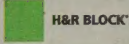
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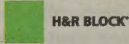
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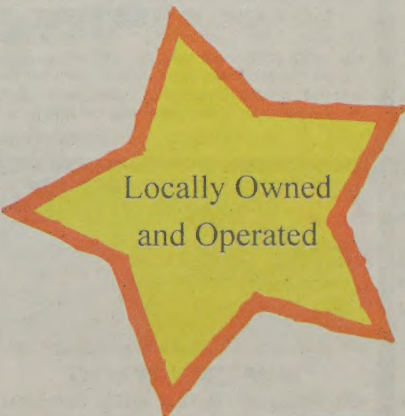
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County moving forward on Moosehills slide

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

An additional \$20,000 is being required by engineers to properly estimate the work needed to regrade and repave the Moosehills Road.

County of St. Paul council members and county staff at the February meeting voiced dissatisfaction with the additional funds being requested by AMEC. But, due to the amount of time that has passed since the last testing was done on the road, administration recommended council approve the additional \$20,000 to get the estimate done. About \$30,000 has already been spent on the project.

Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac said he is still negotiating with the company to ensure the \$20,000 will include everything that is needed to bring the project to tender.

"One way or another, this road has to be rebuilt," said deMoissac.

Council approved a motion to move forward with the project and allow deMoissac to continue to negotiate.

Regional funding opportunities

County of St. Paul council voted against a motion that would have seen the local government get involved in discussions that deal with how revenue coming from ID 349 is being directed to nearby municipalities.

Reeve Steve Upham reported on attending a meeting in the MD of Bonnyville to discuss Regional Funding Opportunities, which dealt with the creation of a Regional Opportunities Committee of municipalities in the ID 349 region. ID 349 is the area more commonly known as the bombing range, and is home to large oil developments.

"The committee discussed how each municipality is impacted by ID 349 especially in regard to infrastructure and revenues needed to address these issues," reads the February council agenda. The current funding agreement between the Province of Alberta and the City of Cold Lake regarding the distribution of revenues from ID 349 is scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 2016.

"The Regional Opportunities Committee would like input on how funding will be distributed when the agreement with ID 349 expires. The general consensus of the committee is that a new agreement should not take funding away from the

City of Cold Lake, however it should include a formula which will benefit all parties involved," reads the agenda notes.

Upham asked if council wanted to be part of the discussions taking place.

Coun. Frank Sloan expressed concern over getting involved with something that falls outside the county's boundaries. "We're not here to run all of Alberta," said Sloan, adding, "Let's worry about running our own county."

Upham noted that because of issues with accessing funding for resource roads such as Murphy Road, perhaps the county should be part of discussions, although he doesn't expect the county to be an equal partner.

Coun. Maxine Fodness said she felt it was better to be at the table, rather than not. She made a motion to allow the reeve and CAO to attend the committee meetings, but council defeated the motion.

Bellevue Blast

A unique event is being planned in the Lac Bellevue area, as organizers make preliminary plans to host the first ever Bellevue Blast.

The event is described as a 6 km obstacle course, with a shorter course possibly being offered to participants between the ages of 10 and 14. According to a letter sent to the county from organizer Sheryl Jamison, "a tentative plan is to have the race start at the public site boat launch, this

would be where the registration and pump up party would be."

A live band, food, and other entertainment are also in the plans. The group was requesting the county allow parking near its dumpsters to reduce traffic going in and out of the lake area.

The event is being organized as a fundraiser to raise money for a new building to house various groups in the area, such as Girl Guides and cadets.

The race will be open to a maximum of 500 people, says the letter.

Council agreed to comply with the group's request since no physical change to the property near the dumpsters will take place.

Arts Foundation

Representatives from

the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation spoke to council about the programming that is taking place at the Maggie Porozni Foundation for the Arts building, and requested funding to help pay the mortgage on the building.

The group had previously approached the Town of St. Paul and the Lions Club for funding, and so far received commitment in the form of \$20,000 from each group. The foundation made a similar request to the county.

Representatives talked about the variety of programs the arts foundation offers, and the potential to offer year-round programming. They also reported that about half of the foundation's cur-

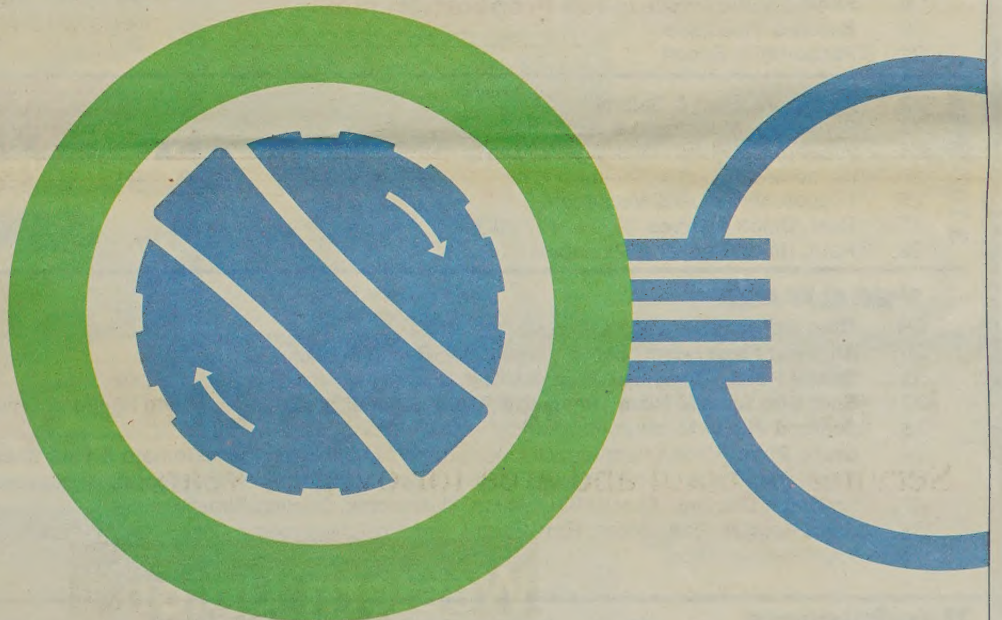
rent members are from the County of St. Paul.

Following the presentation, council made a motion to refer the request to its budget meeting.

Old fire equipment

Council approved a motion to allow Ashmont Fire to donate some of its used equipment, such as helmets and bunker gear, to Firefighters Without Borders.

The equipment to be donated has been out of service for a number of years and is no longer of use to the fire department, as it has all been replaced. Firefighters Without Borders will send the equipment on to fire departments in need of firefighting equipment and they cover the cost of shipping," according to the agenda.



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19. Shrimp & Mushroom				
20. Bacon & Pineapple				
21. Pepperoni & Bacon				



3 TOPPINGS		Medium	Large	X-Large
22. Pepperoni, Ham & Salami				
23. Pepperoni, Mushroom & Ham				
24. Pepperoni, Mushroom & Green Pepper				
25. Pepperoni, Bacon & Salami		\$23.99	\$28.99	\$32.99
26. Pepperoni, Bacon & Mushroom				
27. Beef, Onion & Olives				
28. Ham, Green Pepper & Pineapple				

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31. Donair Pizza - Donair Sauce, Donair Meat, Onions, Mushrooms & Fresh Tomato		\$28.49	\$30.99	\$34.99
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35. Vegetarian Pizza - Green Peppers, Onions, Olives, Mushrooms & Fresh Tomato		\$27.99	\$30.99	\$34.99
36. Barbecue Chicken - Special BBQ Sauce, Mushrooms, Chicken, Green Pepper		\$29.99	\$33.99	\$35.99
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Kids Meal - Burger, pizza pop, hot dog, fish or nuggets, fries & pop	\$4.75		

Side Orders

	Small	Medium	Large
Chicken Nuggets - 6 / 9 / 20	\$5.25	\$6.50	\$9.99
French Fries	\$3.00	\$3.75	\$7.25
Onion Rings	\$3.00	\$3.75	\$7.99
Tater Tots	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$7.00
Battered Mushrooms	\$2.99	\$3.99	\$8.99
Corn Fritters - 4 / 8 / 15	\$2.99	\$4.99	\$8.25
Gravy	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$3.25
Coleslaw	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$3.25
Zucchini Sticks - 6 / 9 / 15	\$4.00	\$5.75	\$9.10
Mozza Sticks - 6 / 9 / 15	\$4.75	\$6.50	\$9.99
Cheese Bites - 6 / 9 / 15	\$4.50	\$5.99	\$9.25
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Snake Bites (Spicy Chicken)	\$5.99	\$7.99	

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Grilled Ham & Cheese	\$4.75	
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Junjo Hot Dog	\$3.25	
Pizza Pop	\$3.25	
Donair - Pure Beef, sauce, lettuce, tomato, onion	\$6.99	
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Subs

Super, Pizza or Donair Sub	\$8.99
Assorted Sub	\$8.50
Salami, Ham or Cheese Sub	\$7.99

Salads

Medium Caesar	\$6.99
Large Caesar	\$9.99
Medium Greek	\$8.99
Large Greek	\$11.99
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Chicken Fingers - 3 pieces with sauce	\$6.99
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QUARTER SECTION

The property is fenced and cross fenced making a perfect location for pasture and hay. There is a good well with two hydrants and one waterer. The home sits on the top of a hill with a view that has to be seen. The yard is completely landscaped and surrounded by a pipe and cable fence. 74003 Twp Rd 522 Two Hills County.
MLS#: E3397648 **\$499,000**



5130-60 AVE

Another quality home in a new subdivision in Elk Point. This home is 1570 sq. ft. and is built to a standard that is not always seen in spec homes. Features include: insulated basement floor, concrete block foundation, large 26' X 26' heated garage with remote garage door openers, concrete driveway with a side walk to the front door. The large kitchen has ample cabinet space with granite counter tops and the dishwasher.
MLS#: E3400408 **\$475,000**



5126-60 AVE

Another quality built home in Elk Point's newest residential subdivision. This 1570 sq. ft. home has many features that you may not see in a standard spec home. This includes insulated basement floor, styro foam block foundation, large 26' X 26' heated garage with remote door opener, concrete driveway and side walk to the front door. The large kitchen has ample cabinets with granite counter tops and the dishwasher and over the range microwave.
MLS#: E3400406 **\$469,000**



5321 RAVINE DR

This home is located at the end of a cul-de-sac on three pie shaped lots with over 90 ft of frontage and a very large back yard. The three bedroom home has a double attached garage with garage door opener. The park like back yard is surrounded by large trees, has a green house, 2 sheds, raised garden beds and a small kennel. Other features include: main floor laundry, a pellet stove in the basement, a wood stove in the living room and much more.
MLS#: E3400680 **\$369,900**



4816-50 ST

Commercial building and land located on Main Street in Elk Point. 3588 sq. ft. of retail/office space available. 2.5 storey built in 1947 with retail on the main level and living quarters on the 2nd and 3rd levels. Presently, this building has a main level retail tenant (owners) and 7 tenants on the upper levels (rooming house). Currently grossing over \$4,300 per month revenue from upper level only. The upper level comes complete with appliances, furniture...
MLS#: E1022647 **\$285,000**



125-1ST ST DERWENT

2 bedroom home in Derwent, a great place to call home. This home sits on 3 lots that are 120' X 122'. There is also a 30' X 110' lot across the alley that is part of the package. The home has been well maintained and features newer appliances.
MLS#: E3393684 **\$159,500**



5117-52 AVE.

Affordable home in Elk Point. This 841 sq. ft. 2 bedroom home is perfect for a starter home or as a revenue property. The home has a metal roof and most of the windows have been replaced. The lot has plenty of mature trees, and it is located close to downtown and the schools. Seller will consider all reasonable offers.
MLS#: E3393351 **\$111,900**



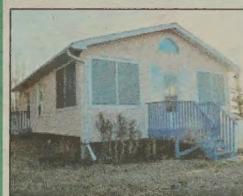
RR62 RURAL ST. PAUL COUNTY

Very private acreage consisting of 11.30 acres of recreational land on Moose Hills Lake just 5 miles NE of Elk Point. This treed property with rolling hills is perfect for quadding, sledding, hiking, bird watching and is just minutes away from the Iron Horse Trail. Enjoy your time on the lake with a gathering of wildlife all around you. Natural gas is on the property and the possibility to build a cabin is there. GST may be applicable.
MLS#: E3375452 **\$79,000**



CRESTVIEW BEACH

Large lot at Crestview Beach on Lower Therien Lake. Includes some out buildings. Property is almost 1/2 acre, has power on the lot and has trees in the front, making it a very private setting. GST may be applicable.
MLS#: E3397646 **\$30,000**



MURIEL LAKE

This 816 sq. ft. cabin, on the south side of Muriel Lake includes an open kitchen, dining, living area with two bedrooms and a screened in sun room that overlooks the lake, an 8' X 8' garden shed, a 1200 gallon holding tank and a 500 gallon cistern. The bathtub, vanity and kitchen sink are plumbed to the holding tank. There is no water pressure system.
MLS#: E3374013 **\$99,000**



TWP 562

Recreational Land 10.25 acres and some acres of wetlands not titled. This property is located in the Stoney Lake area. This treed property with hills, ravine and wetlands has many recreational uses including hunting, quadding, bird-watching and camping. Power is on the north border of this acreage. GST may be applicable.
MLS#: E3393571 **\$79,000**



ACREAGE

This 10 acre parcel is just 5 minutes from Elk Point on a paved road. The property has many building options and there are plenty of bush. Power and natural gas are at the property line. You pick a location for your driveway to match up with where you want to carve out a building spot. GST may be applicable.
MLS#: E3391475 **\$145,000**



8 ACRES

Centrally located between Bonnyville and St. Paul, this soon to be completed subdivision of approx. 8 acres. Property has electrical and telephone services on it, a drilled and a bored well. Natural gas is across the road. The property has many outbuildings including the old farm house, 20x24 metal roof grain storage, and a 64x32 barn. Sub-division has been approved.
MLS#: E3400588 **\$150,000**



10 ACRES

10 acre parcel nicely treed just 3 miles from Elk Point. The survey for the sub division is not complete, so the buyer still has some options for shape and even location. Power and gas are at the property line. The list price does not include GST. GST may be applicable.
MLS#: E3371523 **\$159,000**



HEINSBURG

2 Vacant lots in Heinsburg overlooking the North Saskatchewan River. 1 acre of recreational land. Power and gas are close to property. Unbelievable view. GST may apply.
MLS#: E3379422 **\$25,000**



ACREAGE

This two bedroom, 1978 home is situated on 1 acre of land just off Hi-way 41. You'll appreciate the natural light and warmth as you make your way through each room. This home features many upgrades: all new flooring since 2010, all new bathroom fixtures and tub surround, new furnace 2011, new shingles 2010, front load washer and dryer 2013 plus slate tile in the addition in 1990, plus new glass top stove.
MLS#: E3371533 **\$167,500**



5004-50 AVE

Commercial building situated on two lots in Elk Point. GST applies. Great location on the corner of 50th Ave & 50th St. Lot size is 78'x150'. A walkway adjoins the 2 buildings.
MLS#: E1021464 **\$189,000**



4814 RAILWAY AVE

Large commercial lot. The property has 103 ft of frontage with a total area of about .29 acres, fenced with a security chain link fence. Previously used for car sales and has an office building with all town services connected to it. This property has excellent exposure to Highway 41 and would make an excellent location for any highway service business.
MLS#: E1021519 **\$124,900**



DEWBERRY

This 1520 sq. ft. modular home has a large master bedroom with large walk-in closet and a 4pc ensuite. With 2 other bedrooms, a 4pc bathroom and an area designed as a computer/office this home is perfect for a family. The cathedral ceiling in the main living area makes the open concept floor design feel even more spacious. Enjoy the 12x80 deck - perfect for entertaining.
MLS#: E3389432 **\$230,000**



5109-50 ST

5 bedroom, 1282 sq. ft. home in Elk Point. This home is complete with stairs and a finished basement with two bedrooms and a bathroom. The house has been extensively updated including new windows, flooring, and all bathrooms.
MLS#: E3399748 **\$319,000**



5113-60 AVE

Another new home by SJG Contracting, a contractor with a proven reputation in the Elk Point area. This 1285 sq. ft. three bedroom home is located in the newest subdivision in Elk Point. This home still has options for colors, flooring, siding and shingles. This is the best price you will see for any new home in Elk Point. The property still has tax concessions.
MLS#: E3401372 **\$419,895**



5106-60 AVE

Another new home by SJG Contracting, a well respected contractor in the Elk Point area. This 1397 sq. ft. home features main floor laundry and will be ready for occupation by late summer. There are still options for colors, flooring, siding, and shingles. The property has new home warranty and tax concessions.
MLS#: E3401370 **\$430,395**



5118-60 AVE

New quality home built in Elk Point. This 1480 sq. ft. home with double attached garage with insulated concrete, features hardwood staircase, gas fireplace, high quality vinyl flooring, laminate and a modern kitchen design with upgraded cabinetry, and a unique open concept design. Main floor laundry and large closets. Plenty of room for all your family needs.
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26.99 ACRES

Absolutely Gorgeous View - on Hook Lake - 6 km west of Elk Point. 912 sq. ft. log house built in 1976 with a walkout basement and beautiful fireplace. The main floor has a large kitchen/dining/living room area, 2 bedrooms and a 4pc bathroom. Basement is partially finished with a large area as a den, laundry room, cold room, a 3pc bath and a cedar lined closet. Municipal water is available with hook up. Enjoy your evenings on a 10x16 deck.
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COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL

144.40 acres located 3 miles north of St. Paul on RR95 with pavement right to the gate. This 1950, 1041 sq. ft. bungalow style home is well built and is situated amongst beautifully grown spruce. This 2 bedroom home has a 4 pc bath and laundry on the main floor. The country style kitchen has plenty of room for a large dining table where the whole family can get together. Oak cabinets and unique 2 brick makes this room warm and inviting.
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COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL

Beautiful acreage centrally located between Lloydminster and Cold Lake in the hamlet of Lindbergh. This property has it all. This home, with double attached garage has 1342 sq. ft. on the main floor with a fully completed basement for over 2600 sq. ft. of living space. There are four large bedrooms plus a den, 2 full bathrooms plus a 3 piece ensuite with sit down shower. The master bedroom has LED lighting in the crown molding. The basement has a large rec room as well as a theatre room. This property features a barn and guest house...
MLS#: E3386470 **\$699,900**



4926-50 AVE

Commercial lot and building for sale in downtown Elk Point. Lot size is 35'X150'. Property sold as is where is. GST may apply.
MLS#: E1021467 **\$65,000**



RESIDENTIAL LOT

Vacant corner lot 5102 59 Ave. on the edge of Elk Point's newest sub division. This lot has no building restrictions or time limits but you can still take advantage of the three year tax incentive for new construction.
MLS#: E3372009 **\$60,000**



4918-50 AVE

C1 commercial. Lot size 40'X120'. Building in need of repair. Property sold as is where is. GST may apply.
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WILLINGDON RURAL

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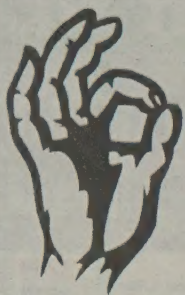


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On a large 75x150' lot - This 902 sq. ft. home has 2 bedrooms, 4pc bathroom, large living room and open concept kitchen and dining area. An attached porch with lots of storage and a partially finished basement. Laundry and a cold room are in the basement. Walk out the patio doors onto an 8x16 deck surrounded by shrubs. A detached 16x24 heated and insulated garage with electric door opener...
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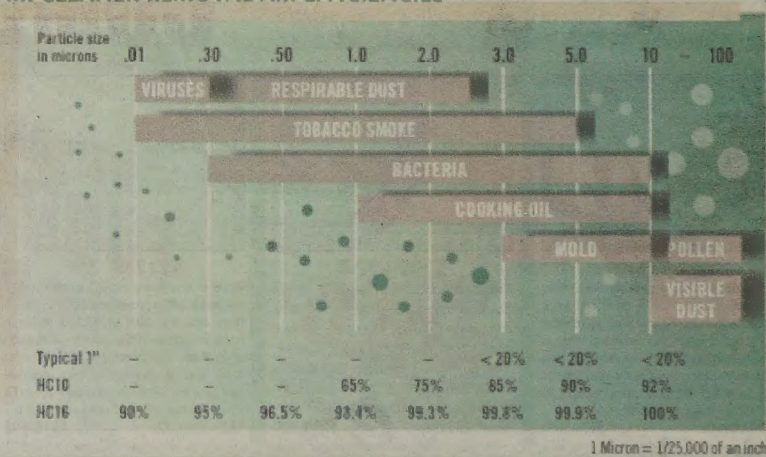
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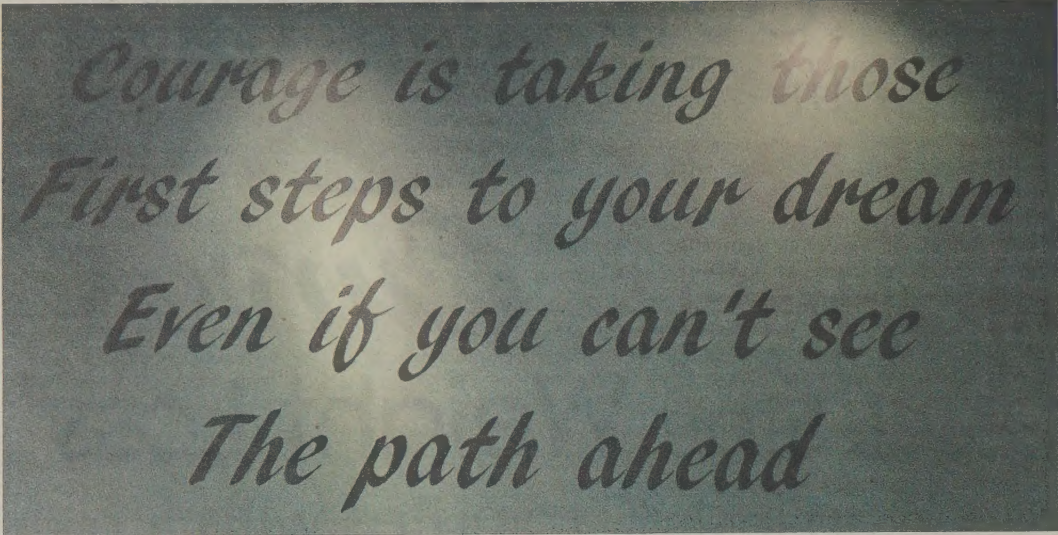
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SPERD shows a low pupil-teacher ratio

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

St. Paul Education Regional Division sits near the top of a list that details the total number of students and teachers in Alberta school divisions. The list is organized based on Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) numbers, and begins with the divisions with the lowest ratios.

According to the list, which was presented to the SPERD board at its Feb. 11 meeting, the provincial PTR average calculated by SPERD is 16.25. SPERD's PTR is 14.95. To reach the provincial average, SPERD would have to cut 21 teaching positions.

The provincial PTR ranges from 12.65 to 19.90.

Although PTR isn't always a direct correlation to class size, the list does show that the local division has more teachers hired for the number of students enrolled, than many other divisions in the province.

"SPERD is proud that it has a pupil teacher ratio that is considerably lower than other school jurisdictions in the province . . . SPERD places a priority on having more teachers for each student and hopes to continue this practice as budgets allow," says board chair Heather Starosielski.

She admits there are times when it is challenging to keep the PTR in a lower range, due to programming or building constraints.

Superintendent Glen Brodziak said according to the feedback he's received from staff and parents, people are happy with the class sizes within the division.

Calendar

SPERD's 2015-16 calendar has been approved and will be available for parents to access on the division's website soon.

At last week's regular school board meeting, trustees and administration discussed that it was a tricky calendar to plan since some holidays fall at awkward times, and the school year has to begin before the Labour Day long weekend to ensure enough days are in each semester.

"There were some challenges to this," said Brodziak, as he presented the second draft calendar to the board. One of the challenges was that Remembrance Day falls in the middle of the week, and another was that Easter falls at the end of March, tacking it on to spring break.

Starosielski said she had heard some concern

voiced about the Easter weekend and spring break falling at the same time, and acknowledged that starting class before the Labour Day weekend isn't ideal either.

"It's just a difficult calendar to balance," she said.

Headgear

A few basic changes have been made to the division's School Dress procedure, as it relates to headgear being worn in schools.

Responsibility will now be left with individual schools and staff in regards to students wearing headgear in schools. Headgear can include a variety of things, such as hats, toques, scarves, and other items.

"This is where we are as a society," said

Brodziak, as he went over the changes to the procedure. He added that respect will still be shown to guests visiting the school, and students will still be asked to remove hats during official ceremonies such as Remembrance Day.

The division recognizes that the world is evolving and the "quality of learning" isn't compromised when headgear is worn.

SLAs

The provincial government is slowing down the transition from Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) to Student Learning Assessments (SLAs), heard the board. The province has decided to do a two-year pilot at each grade level, as it replaces PATs with the

new assessments.

Rather than introducing the SLAs for Grade 6 students next year, the current Grade 2 students (who will be in Grade 3 in the fall) will be the focus in the fall of 2015.

"The second year of the Grade 3 SLA pilot administration will allow further opportunities to ensure that the SLA is a valuable tool," said Starosielski, after the meeting.

This means that Grade 6 and 9 students next school year will continue to be given PATs, rather than introducing SLAs to the Grade 6 students in the fall, as originally anticipated.

During the meeting, Brodziak said SLAs are more "formative," rather than "summative," like

the PATs. Students do the SLAs at the beginning of the school year and teachers can use the assessments to guide student learning throughout the year, rather than testing students at the end of the school year.

Once SLAs are introduced in a grade level, students at that grade no longer write PATs.

Community voice

SPERD is working to bring a number of community representatives together at an April gathering that will look at updating the school division's vision and mission statements, which haven't been changed since the mid 1990s.

The gathering will allow for the community to be involved and ensure current practices are

reflected in the vision and mission statement of the biggest school division in the area. Invitations will be sent out to the event.

A school division satisfaction survey will also be sent out to parents and staff soon. The board is hopeful to hear from many people so that SPERD can use the results to help guide future decisions. The survey is done every four years.

FSLW program

The Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) program was briefly discussed at last week's board meeting. Neighbouring municipalities have reaffirmed their commitment to help cover some of the financial costs associated with the program.

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Lodge, church assist with Camp Whitney upgrade

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

The cabin upgrade at Camp Whitney has benefitted from two sizeable donations in recent weeks. On Feb. 10, Elk Point Royal Purple Lodge No. 269 donated \$2,500 toward furnishings for the new dormitories, while a week later, Elk Point United Church Board donated \$4,000 to the building fund as well as donating the proceeds from their Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to the camp's operating fund.

Board chair Holly Myhaniuk, who enjoyed attending the camp as a child and saw her own children

enjoy the experience as well, says it's "very important that our children and grandchildren have the opportunity to have those experiences. We have lost our small country halls where we enjoyed ourselves as young people, and we don't want to lose the camp as well." The church also donated \$4,700 toward the building fund last year, she noted.

Myhaniuk says that in recent months, donations to the upgrading project "have been at a standstill. We're hoping that this will rejuvenate the donations, large and small. It all helps." Businesses and individuals wishing to contribute to the camp may call Donna Chamberland at 780-724-2422.



LODGE CONTRIBUTES – Elk Point Royal Purple Honoured Royal Lady Lois Sharek and Past Honoured Royal Lady Lena Stepa present a \$2,500 donation to Donna Chamberland to assist with the purchase of furnishings for the new Whitney Lakes Camp dormitories

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United Church to host 2015 interdenominational World Day of Prayer

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point United Church will host this year's interdenominational World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 6. This annual event brings together the women of various congregations in the community to lead a service of worship written by women in a host country, which this year is the Bahamas.

The Bahamas are a popular tourist destination, but even those who visit this tropical paradise may not know the story of this nation and its people that will be told at the service.

The scattered islands of the Bahamas form an archipelago in an area that includes about 100,000 square miles in the Atlantic Ocean southeast of Florida, with the capital city of Nassau located on New Providence

Island.

The islands were colonized by the British over 300 years ago, who brought with them West African slaves, and their way of life is a blend of the customs and traditions of both cultures. The English-speaking former British colony is a constitutional monarchy with Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state. It achieved self-government in 1964 and full independence in 1973.

It is estimated that about 85 per cent of the 353,658 people are descended from the African slaves, with 12 per cent white and three per cent other nationalities. The British abolished slavery in the Bahamas in 1807, however it was still permissible, although the slaves in the Bahamas resisted that outcome.

While women in the Bahamas have equal status under the law, men tend to control the highest income

and status position. Women hold prominent positions in business and politics on the main islands, but poverty and lack of formal education continues to plague women in the outer islands, where most of them have domestic jobs in hotels and restaurants, not earning enough to support their families. Many are the only parent in these families and look after the well-being and needs of others, rather than themselves. Women in the Bahamas are looking more and more to the Church for their social life.

Review Announcements

Winter is prep time for the Horticulture and Craft Show

JENNIFER VAN DER HOEK
Review Contributor

The Elk Point & District Ag. Society's Annual Horticulture & Craft Show returns to the A. G. Ross Arena on August 9, 2015, and these snowy, chilly days are the perfect time to start getting ready. Exhibits will be taken on Aug. 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by judging, with public viewing on Aug. 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony.

Curious? You should be. There are lots of prizes to be won and you can bet that if you have a hobby, there's a category you can enter in. Enjoy photography? This year's

"challenge" word is: water. That's right, plain and simple but tremendously diverse – a lake, a river, a puddle, a fountain, a garden hose, the spray park... The options are endless, all you have to do is choose one. Many other categories await photographers, from portraits to flowers, and if photography isn't your niche, that's not a problem either.

Gardeners, bakers, quilters, knitters, writers, and crafters of all ages are sure to find many categories to enter their creations in. All the rules, regulations, sections, and categories are listed in the official show booklet, which is now online for the first time ever. The specially formatted booklet can be viewed

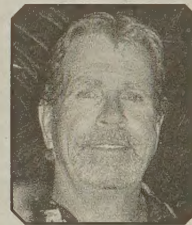
at the Town of Elk Point website: www.elkpoint.ca. Printed versions, exhibitor entry forms, and entry tags will be available at a later date.

Don't waste your winter days waiting for summer – use your imagination and talents to create something amazing to enter in the show. Write a poem about the frost on the window, scrapbook your holiday photos, cuddle under a quilt that you're hand quilting, or paint some frozen scenery – soon enough we'll be complaining about the heat and you'll have a pile of entries for the Horticulture & Craft Show. And don't forget to get the kids involved!

See you there!

OBITUARY

STRATFORD, James Lawrence "Larry"



On Tuesday, February 10, 2015 Larry Stratford of Edmonton, AB passed away at the age of 60 years.

Larry is survived by his loving family; wife Elaine Heffernan, two sisters; Marie McConnell and Shirley (Nick) Kamula and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Larry was predeceased by his parents James and Evelyn and sister Gwen.

A celebration of Larry's life was held at 1:00 pm on Friday, February 20, 2015 at the Woodvale Community Center, 4540 - 50 Street NW (at the Millwoods Golf Course), Edmonton, AB. Donations in Larry's memory may be made to the Canadian Lung Association (Anti-Smoking Campaign Fund) PO Box 4500, Station South Edmonton, AB T6E 6K2

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www.1800bigiron.comof wetlands. The Vermilion River Watershed is fortunate to have one of the most detailed wetland
inventories that exist in Alberta. Dr. Masaki Hayashi from the University of Calgary outlined ways
to understand prairie groundwater for watershed management planning. The VRWA learned that
sloughs and marshes affect the quality and quantity of both surface water bodies and groundwater
supplies. Depending on location, some wetlands recharge groundwater and others function as dis-
charge areas for groundwater. It became clear that long-term monitoring of groundwater is import-
ant to prevent depletion. There are three long-term observation wells in the Vermilion watershed.
Additional water well monitoring may be needed in the future.For more information, please email pgordeyko@thecounty.ab.ca**School board**

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The program costs over \$900,000 to operate,
with about \$600,000 coming from SPERD's
budget. Local municipalities and provincial
funds cover the rest.Brodziak said he felt it was his responsibil-
ity to point out that the program is important
for the entire community, not just the school
system."Twelve hundred students is 1,200 families," he said, referring to the
reach of the program.The health and wellbeing of families is "not a 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
job," said Brodziak, adding, the division is not trying to "download" its
responsibilities onto municipalities. Rather, he believes it's the com-
munity's responsibility as a whole to care for its families."Everybody has tight budgets, and we're thankful for everything
(that's been received)," said Brodziak.Along with the County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul officially
agreeing to contribute to the program, the Town of Elk Point, and muni-
cipalities in Two Hills are also expected to contribute.**Capital projects**Although a date has yet to be set for work to resume at the new
Two Hills Mennonite School, Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne
said talks are ongoing between the contractor and the province, and a
completion date of September of 2016 has been projected.The division is also waiting on specific dates for meetings that will
take place to begin planning for a new school in Ashmont. Resources
have been approved to begin the planning process.**Vermilion River Watershed
Alliance becoming an
independent organization****BILLIE MILHOLLAND**

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Managing the Vermilion River watershed is a complex, long-term
effort. It requires participation from a wide variety of players. Federal
and provincial governments each play a part, but the municipalities di-
rectly affected by watershed management decisions do the heavy lifting
on the ground. Between 2009 and 2012, a municipality-led consortium,
a sub-committee of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA),
guided the development of a Vermilion River Watershed Management
Plan. Find the plan at www.nswa.ab.ca - bottom of the Home page.The plan, based on local input and feedback, is relevant to commu-
nities, land owners and residents within the watershed. It calls for voluntary
stewardship actions to maintain or improve surface water, ground water
and aquatic ecosystem health in the Vermilion River watershed.Since then, an Implementation Team has been meeting regularly to
hammer out the ways and means of putting those actions in place by 2018.In January, at a meeting in Vegreville, the Implementation Team
voted to become an independent organization and the Vermilion River
Watershed Alliance (VRWA) was born.This organization will be led by municipal representatives (Counties
of Beaver, Minburn, Two Hills, Vermilion River, and St. Paul as well as
the Towns of Vegreville, Vermilion, and Two Hills). Additional repre-
sentatives from federal and provincial govern-
ments; conservation groups; industry; Lakeland
College; and the public-at-large will be included.A call for membership will go out before the
group's first Annual General Meeting later this
spring. Interested agencies and individuals are
encouraged to learn more about this initiative.In order to understand some of the more
technical requirements of the plan better, the
Implementation Team invited two experts to
Vegreville, to share the latest research on
important watershed topics. Dr. Marie-Claude
Roy from the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring
Institute (ABMI) spoke on the ecological aspects

Potential candidates weigh in on cuts

JANANI WHITFIELD
 Review Staff

The province has signaled that deep cuts are ahead, with sinking oil prices creating a forecasted \$7 billion deficit unless action is taken.

"We all need to be living in the real world and understand the consequences of what's going on around us," Premier Jim Prentice said on Feb. 11. "We will all need to do a lot more with a lot less."

With deficit budgets likely over the next few years, the province has indicated it will need to cut five per cent of program spending in its spring budget to keep the deficit manageable. By not matching inflation and population growth, estimated at 3.8 per cent together, the full cut is in the neighbourhood of nine per cent.

Alberta School Board Association warned last week that cuts to education would have severely impact student learning. Even when oil prices were good, school boards have struggled with cost of living increases, reduction of grants and lack of infrastructure, according to a statement from its president, Helen Cleese.

"Further cuts to education now will have a devastating impact on our already stressed classrooms," she stated.

Wildrose MLA for the area Shayne Saskiw was contacted but was

unavailable to discuss the cuts or the possibility of an upcoming spring election.

The *St. Paul Journal* took a moment to catch up with three of the four people who have declared their intention to run for the PC nomination for the Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills about their thoughts on planned cuts to program spending.



Darrell Youngmans

Darrell Youngmans

Long-time school board trustee and past president of the local PC executive Darrell Youngmans noted it's hard to comment on the cut without knowing the details.

"I just hope there's a plan in place to keep services on the essential side alive with a nine per cent cut," he said, adding he would hope health and education funding stays strong.

As a farmer, he said he's seen 20 to 25 per cent in price drops.

"In this agriculture business, I've faced those sort of cuts before. You kept going, any of the frills you just had to do

without. Can that be applied province-wide? I guess it may have to be," he said.

If a spring election is called, the PC candidate will face a tough job campaigning on what he acknowledged would be a "negative" budget, but said, "You've got to focus on what you can do and your ideas for the constituency and any efficiencies you may be able to bring to the table."



Brian Storseth

Brian Storseth

Brian Storseth, the area's current MP, also noted it was difficult to comment without having seen a budget, but he emphasized the need to look at streamlining bureaucracy.

"Before we look at increasing taxes, we need to see if the government of Alberta is being run efficiently for Albertans," he said. In tough economic times, people have to look into their pockets, he said, noting, "I think it's only fair that government does it first."

However, he added, "That being said, front line workers nurses and teachers shouldn't be the

ones being hit by this." Teachers, for instance, had already agreed and faced zero increases over the past few years. "They really have been doing their part already."



Glenn Andersen

Glenn Andersen

Town of St. Paul Mayor Glenn Andersen also emphasized the need to streamline bureaucracy.

"I also think they should just not look at public sectors, but look internally as well," he said. He noted Alberta MLAs did take a pay cut, but he said he has heard from the public that the government needs to look at all its spending. For instance, he pointed to a December report that Albertans pay not only to fill their MLAs' cars with gas, but with oil changes and parking up to \$900 a year and for washes and waxing too.

"The public notices all that... there are changes that could be made and give accountability to all MLAs."

Among the first round of announced cuts include the continued plan to cut \$546,000 from the

province's auditor general and \$275,000 from the Alberta's child and youth advocate budgets.

Andersen noted that Alberta's child and youth advocate is among the most highest funded in the country, but said he didn't know what the impact of the cut would be. However, he felt the cuts to the auditor general's office should be reconsidered.

"I really think they should rethink that one. (The office) keeps the public informed, it keeps the government responsible and accountable to the public."

As for cuts to union groups such as teachers and nurses, Andersen was similarly wary, noting that teachers have had zero increases for the past three years.

"Why would you cut them again when they have already taken a hit and the cost of living has gone up and they're still there?" he asked. Such a situation didn't seem fair, he said.

"I just want some parity here. Everything has been looked at. We've got to reexamine the way we're doing this and can we get more efficient?"

Jeff Dechaine

Dechaine, a former Lakeland County councillor who is also seeking the nomination, noted, "We're at a time where austerity is obviously extremely important," but added essential services needed to be maintained.



Jeff Dechaine

"I was a manager in the industry where commodity prices fell through the floor and the dollar price went up. For an exporter that was a perfect storm for loss of revenue. Profits simply disappeared," he said. However, the challenge presented the opportunity for reinvention, with the business having to "look for leaner, meaner and more efficient" ways of operating and delivering, without needing to layoff people or cut essential services.

He believes that his experience would be valuable in helping to steer the government through challenging economic times ahead. While the budget may involve cuts and austerity measures, he said the challenges present an opportunity for the government to fix any issues and become more efficient in delivering services.

"At the end of the day, a combination of austerity cuts and efficiencies found within each of the departments is what we need," he said.



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